CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Please amend the claims as follows:

- 1. (Currently Amended) A recreational blanket comprising
 - an underside;
 - a lying pad at least partially connected to said underside, said lying pad having at least one edge;
 - a storage compartment disposed [between said underside and]along said edge of said lying pad; and
 - a strap mounted to said underside.
- 2. (Amended) A recreational blanket in claim 1 wherein said storage compartment comprises transparent material.
- 3. (Amended) A recreational blanket in claim 1 wherein said storage compartment comprises mesh material.
- 4. (Currently Amended) A recreational blanket in claim 1 wherein said underside and said lying pad are connected by a <u>detachable</u> fastener.
- (Original) A recreational blanket in claim 1 further comprising a pocket positioned on said lying pad.
- 6. (Original) A recreational blanket in claim 1 further comprising a pocket positioned on said underside.
- 7. (Amended) A recreational blanket in claim 1 further comprising a second strap mounted to said underside such that said strap and said second strap may be utilized by one or more users.

- 8. (Amended) A recreational blanket in claim 1 further comprising a series of pleats disposed on said lying pad.
- 9. (Amended) A recreational blanket comprising
 - a lying pad;
 - a storage compartment positioned adjacent to said lying pad, said storage compartment having an underside and a top side; and
 - a set of handles connected to said storage compartment.
- 10. (Amended) A recreational blanket in claim 9 wherein said storage compartment comprises transparent material.
- 11. (Amended) A recreational blanket in claim 9 wherein said storage compartment comprises mesh material.
- 12. (Original) A recreational blanket in claim 9 further comprising a pillow holder mounted to said lying pad.
- 13. (Original) A recreational blanket in claim 12 further comprising a blow-up pillow disposed within said pillow holder.
- 14. (Original) A recreational blanket in claim 9 further comprising a pocket positioned on said storage compartment.
- 15. (Amended) A recreational blanket in claim 9 wherein said set of handles are geometrically positioned.
- 16. (Amended) A recreational blanket in claim 9 wherein each of said set of handles are straps.
- 17. (Amended) A recreational blanket in claim 9 wherein said set of handles are positioned in a triangular configuration.

- 18. (Amended) A recreational blanket in claim 9 further comprising at least one opening formed on said storage compartment for allowing insertion of said set of handles.
- 19. (Currently Amended) A recreational blanket in claim 9 wherein said underside and said top side are connected by a <u>detachable</u> fastener.
- 20. (Original) A method of transporting recreational items, comprising:

inserting items within a storage compartment, said storage compartment having an underside;

grasping a strap, said strap physically connected to said storage compartment; and pulling said storage compartment across a distance.